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The Electric Light Ordinance.

As will be noticed from our regular report of proceedings, the Township Committee decided on Monday night to award a contract and pass an ordinance providing for an electric light service, by which the Suburban Electric Light Company of East Orange is given a valuable franchise for this purpose.

This is a very important step to take, since it affects the interests of every taxpayer and citizen.

It should be noted that this project has not originated with the people, no petition having been presented to the Township Committee asking for a radical change in the system of public lighting. C. W. Powers has been the leader and spokesman in a movement affecting the taxes, credit and welfare of the entire community. As a taxpayer himself, Mr. Powers cuts a very small figure, but as a politician and multiphase for the plutocratic, franchise grabbing, dividend hunting element he is a compelling force, if one may speak freely of the way pre-arranged matters of this sort are entrusted to him and put through the open sessions of the Committee. After the most approved methods of race-track legislation, this electric lighting scheme has been engineered and shoved through so far, with undisputed contempt of the people.

In mere compliance with statute requirements, certain formalities have been observed, so that citizens have had an "opportunity" to make objections, but, as none appear to have been made at the different sessions of the Committee, it is taken for granted that the people know all about it and sanction what is being done. The fact, however, is that the people know very little about what is being done, and that the Township Committee, although voting to award the contract by a vote of 6 against 1, apparently have no conception of what they are doing beyond the natural inclination to tumble over each other in their haste to serve corporate monopolies, large or small, whenever the opportunity is presented. This inclination amounts practically to a sort of blind infatuation on the part of our Committee-men, with the single exception of Seymour P. Gilbert, who alone seems to have an understanding of the true interests of the township and people of Bloomfield.

Mr. Haskell's opinion that delay in passing the ordinance "would be dangerous" can only be construed as anxiety on his part lest the people should wake up from their slumbers, and, uncontrolled by schemers and politicians, hold a public meeting that might knock in the head this latest attempt to exploit the township.

With the view of throwing all the light possible upon the subject in a practical way, we give on the first page of this issue of The Record the opinion, obtained at considerable expense, of an expert electrical engineer who made a careful consideration of all the five bids recently received by the Township Committee. If the accepted bid for lighting, as pronounced by Mr. Haskell, is the lowest of any place in Essex County, it is altogether uncertain what the cost will be, except that it will exceed the present cost of lighting by gas.

One result that may be depended upon is that with the lighting of the town taken from the Gas Company the latter will have good reason to raise the price of gas supplied to private consumers, who will have no assurance that if they change to electric lights they will get them at a less cost.

As the expert says, the accepted bid is "lousy and indefinite." The practical outcome of granting this franchise is simply to put the township into the power of a corporation, though it be but a small one.

Since the above was written there has been a change in the situation. The small East Orange Lighting Company has been absorbed by the big one called "The People's" of Newark, concerning which the East Orange Gazette says:

"The Suburban Electric Light and Power Company has sold out to the People's Electric Light and Power Company of Newark, and the latter company will continue the operation of the

plant in the Allen Building. The Newark company now has a monopoly of the electric lighting in Essex County, having bought out the Orange Company a short time ago. It is said that the policy of the Suburban Company will be continued, and that the franchisees asked for by that company, will be sought and operated by its successors. It is also hinted by those in a position to know that the People's Company, which is almost identical with the Consolidated Traction Company, intend to run trunk lines up Main street on the trolley railroad poles. This is a matter that East Orange authorities may have a word to say about, and then again they may be unable to interfere. An attempt to do so would probably precipitate a settlement of the question."

AN IMPATIENT CITIZEN.
He Wants Better Street Signs and Hopes to See the Glen Ridge Matter Settled in His Lifetime.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Feb. 4, 1896.

Editor of The Record:

Seeing an article in your valuable paper, THE RECORD, last week relating to signs for street names, I for one fully agree with the writer with the exception of one thing.

It is my opinion that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, and therefore if it is necessary to put up street names we should look for the best material to use. The signs should, in the first place, be readable at all hours of the day and night. Then they should be made of a material which is imperishable, and which will not stand all attacks of the weather but also all attacks of the small boy with stones.

The only sign which have all these qualities is a sign made of enameled iron. In the first place, an iron enameled sign with white letters on a blue background is distinguishable on a dark night at a further distance than any glass or wooden sign that was ever invented. In the second place the iron enameled sign is made right or made like the sign I saw in Albany, are absolutely imperishable. They are made of material that will withstand the effects of the weather in all climates. The base on which is coated with the requisite enamel, which is annealed with the iron in furnaces until it attains a white heat. They could withstand the assault of the boy with stones or any other mischief. In appearance they look better than any glass sign.

The cost is surprisingly small even for signs that would only last a year or two, whereas these will last for a lifetime, for there is absolutely no wearing to them. They are used extensively in Europe for all purposes for which a sign can be used, as any one who has been to England can verify.

Now why can't we make use of the experience of England? They have tried every kind of sign imaginable and this one out of them all is the best. The fact shows conclusively that it is the best sign.

Of course now there will be some "cranks" who will say that I have an interest in getting the township to adopt these signs. Well, they are right. I have a large amount of interest in whatever is for the good of the people, and if everyone who has had any experience would send it in, probably we could help the Township Committee very much, and maybe they wouldn't have to procure lawyers to think for them as they have done in the past.

Hoping to see new street names, a new Township Committee, and a settlement with Glen Ridge before I die, I remain

Yours, Geo. J. A. G.

Postal Notes.

Post Office clerks from Newark and vicinity gathered at Jacoby's last Friday night, to transact routine business of their association and to discuss the advisability of connecting a sick benefit fund with the same. The ordinary business of the office was promptly disposed of. Newark was selected as a permanent place of meeting and the time to be the fourth Thursday of every month. The postmasters of the office represented in the association were elected to honorary membership. This comprises the following named gentlemen: Joseph E. Hayes, of Newark; M. A. Hancock, of Newark; J. E. Blazer, of Montclair; Benjamin H. Blazer, of Montclair; Benjamin H. Blazer, of East Orange; and Frank G. Tower, of Bloomfield. Two officers left over by the last meeting to be filled, went to Newark by a unanimous vote. Messrs. Mott, N. Thompson and D. A. Valentine, of the city delivery department of the Newark office, being elected financial and corresponding secretary respectively. The sick benefit project was then discussed from various points of view. The consensus of opinion seemed to be in favor of the scheme, but it was deemed advisable to defer definite action until the next meeting. A committee was appointed to work out details of the plan.

Postmaster Daves of Washington, N. J., and Blazer, of Montclair, called upon Postmaster Tower last Friday afternoon. Postmaster Daves is completing arrangements for free delivery which goes into effect at his office on April 1st.

The postal employees have engaged Miss Pauline Inge Johnson, the Coelian quartette and Hugh J. Emmett the harmonist, to give an entertainment in Central Hall next Friday night, Feb. 11th.

The Borough Laws.

Senator Voorhees introduced in the Senate on Monday last a resolution relating to boroughs, which was passed as follows:

"Resolved, The House of Assembly concurring, there be appointed a joint committee, to be composed of three members of the Senate and five members of the House, who shall review, simplify, arrange and consolidate all the general statute applying or relating to boroughs and report at this or the next legislative session such acts, or parts thereof, as in their judgment may appear necessary. It is authorized the committee to employ such assistance as may be necessary."

Political Notes.

Governor Briggs received a delegation from Mercer County on Monday, who came in the interest of the three emigrants that County. They were favorable to the emigrants George W. Magnesson for District Court Judge to succeed Channoy H. Beasley, who addressed the meeting in Central Hall during the last campaign. They favored C. H. Skirm for State prison keeper, and James H. Mallison for chief factory inspector. The Governor received them cordially and told them that he had not yet reached Mercer County appointments and that he would consult with some of them when he did. He took advantage to inform the delegation that he would consider the application of any member of the Legislature because he did not consider it good policy.

The Republican State Convention to select the delegates to the Republican National Convention, will meet at Taylor's Opera House, Trenton, about Wednesday, April 15th.

E. C. S. A. A.

There was a large attendance at the club house on Wednesday night to see the pool game between Messrs. Giles and Ward of the East Orange whelmen and William L. and Percy H. Johnson of the city's club. The Johnson brothers were again victorious, defeating the visitors by the score of 200 to 140. The latter have a clean score of eleven games won. The final game in the series of the associated cycling club of New Jersey will be played at Belleville next Friday night, Feb. 14th.

The cycling bowling team won two points on Friday night with the Gastly Ghost team of Hoboken. The Bloomfield team leads in bowling, with 12 games won and 5 lost. The Atlantic of Newark are second, won 12 and lost 6.

The Belleville team will play with at Bloomfield next Friday night, Feb. 14th.

Church Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. James Beveridge, Pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M. Prayer Service, Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Regular services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Glen Ridge M. E. Chapel. Glen Ridge and Belleville Avenue.

Services at 10:30 A. M. Children's Church, subject of discourse, "How a little girl became a Christian." By W. W. F. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M. Prayer Service, Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Regular services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Glen Ridge M. E. Chapel. Glen Ridge and Belleville Avenue.

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Mr. E. A. Gros, Hainesville, N. J.

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Hood's Pills for the after-dinner pill and family cathartic. See LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS. Remaining in the Post Office at Bloomfield, N. J., for the week ending, Feb. 7, 1896. Backlog, Estelle, Flanagan, Mrs. C. L. Knapton, Walsley, McCoy, James, Ray, Geo. Lora, Geo. Livingston & Co. Wm. T. FRANK G. TOWER, Postmaster.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office at Glen Ridge, N. J., Feb. 7, 1896. Deering, Miss Emily, Chom, Mrs. Gus Lipsey, Mr. Geo. Rich, W. P. Any person calling for the above will please ask for advertised letters. THOMAS MORITZ, Postmaster.

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